

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of: Lawrence R. Koh for Reissue of

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For: NEEDLE POINT GUARD SAFETY CAP ASSEMBLY

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Pursuant to the filing herewith of Application for Reissue of the above-entitled patent, please enter the following preliminary amendments:

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

23. (New) A needle point guard assembly attachable to a base of a syringe having a needle to allow said needle initially to protrude into an operative position for use, said assembly also being extensible into a locked position in which the needle point is fully protected, comprising:

(a) a syringe attachment member operable to attach the said needle point guard assembly to the needle hub of a syringe;

(b) an extensible frame having a proximal end segment hingedly secured to said syringe attachment member and a distal end segment hingedly connected to said proximal end segment;

(c) an elongate needle point cover member being open at one end, and the opposite end thereof having an end wall with a hole through which the needle when operative will extend, said end wall also having a needle point receiving well that is laterally displaced from said hole;

(d) said cover member at said open end, and on one side thereof, being hingedly secured to the distal end of said distal end segment;

(e) a lid member hingedly secured to said open end of said cover member and having a hole through which the needle may pass, but normally closing said open end of said cover member, but wherein the needle may pass through both the hole in the end wall

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